

APPENDIX.

The Communication addressed to me by the Chamber of Commerce of this City, (of which I enclose a copy,) will enable your Excellency to judge of the advantages which Cape Pine possesses over Cape Race, as the site of the proposed Light House.

I have the honor, &c.

(Signed)

J. HARVEY.

His Excellency, the Governor General of Canada:

(Copy.)

To His Excellency Major General Sir John Harvey, K. C. B. & K. C. H. Governor and Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency—The House of Assembly beg leave to acquaint your Excellency that from a copy of a Despatch sent down to the House by your Excellency, dated "Treasury Chambers 11th May, 1841," they learn that "the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House having signified their opinion; that the measure of Lighting the South Eastern part of Newfoundland, would be effectually accomplished by the erection of a Light House on Cape Pine, on the South Easternmost extremity of that land, and of one also upon Saint Pierre; and likewise that all Vessels bound to or from ports or places situate between St. John's Newfoundland and Cape Cod in the United States, including the River St. Lawrence, would be benefitted by the establishment of Light Houses in the above mentioned situations," and further, That "My Lords adverting to the measures adopted in regard to the construction of Light Houses under very analagous circumstances on the Coast of Nova Scotia, are prepared to recommend to Parliament, such Grant as may be requisite for defraying the expense of constructing a Light House on Cape Pine, subject to the condition, that provision shall be made by the Legislature of Newfoundland; either separately or with aid from the other North American Provinces interested in the establishment of the Light House, for the future maintenance of the Light," and said Despatch after alluding to a Report to be made by the Commanding Royal Engineer on this Station, as to the most eligible arrangements for constructing the Light House continues, "My Lords would further suggest to Lord John Russell, that it will be advisable to call for a similar Report from the Governor of Newfoundland, or from any local authorities under whose directions the construction or management of other Light Houses on the Coast of the Island has been placed." The House of Assembly feeling the great importance, not alone to the Trade of this Island, but to that of Great Britain and Ireland, the neighbouring Colonies and the United States, of the erection of a Light House on Cape Pine, and in order to enable the Secretary of State for the Colonies to carry out the very liberal suggestion of the Lords of the Treasury, now pledge themselves that in the event of such Light House being erected, they will pass an Act providing a sufficient sum of money to meet the maintenance of said Light.

The House of Assembly request that your Excellency will be pleased to put yourself into communication with the Government authorities of such of the neighbouring Provinces and the United States, whose vessels may be benefitted by such Light, in order to induce their supplying their just proportion towards the annual maintenance of said Light.

Passed the General Assembly, Saturday, February 25, 1843.

(Signed)

JAMES CROWDY, Speaker.

(Copy.)

To His Excellency Major General Sir John Harvey, K. C. B. & K. C. H. Governor, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency—The Chamber of Commerce having been encouraged by your Excellency, to express an opinion on the most advantageous point to place a Light House on the Southern Shores of this Island, have, after mature deliberation, come to the conclusion, that Cape Pine is by far the more eligible situation, possessing these advantages over Cape Race:

In the first place, Cape Pine is the more Southern point of the two, it is very much the higher land; and can therefore be seen over Cape Race, while a Light House on Cape Race would be completely masked by Cape Pine to Vessels coming from the Westward.